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INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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SUBJECT: CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MOZAMBIQUE

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 874 R 150920Z AUG 75

1. APOSTOLIC PRO-NUNCIO HERE (ANGELONI) HAS TOLD US  
VATICAN IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN ITS REPRESENTATION IN  
LOURENCO MARQUES AT ALL COSTS. UNLIKE CUBA, WHERE CHURCH  
ACCEDED TO CASTRO'S HARRASSMENT BY WITHDRAWING ITS  
REPRESENTATIVE AS SIGN OF DISAPPROVAL, ROME CONSIDERS IT  
OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO REMAIN ON GROUND IN MOZAMBIQUE IN  
HOPES OF SALVAGING SOME POSITION FOR CHURCH. SAID BLACK ARCHBISHOP  
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OF LOURENCO MARQUES OF SAME FIRM OPINION.

2. TO ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT VATICAN HAS  
INSTRUCTED PRO-NUNCIO HERE TO SEEK INTERCESSION OF PRESIDENT  
KAUNDA WITH SAMORA MACHEL ON CHURCH'S BEHALF IN EFFORT TO  
RESTRAIN CURRENT ANTI-CLERICAL TENDENCY IN MOZAMBIQUE.  
ALTHOUGH PRO-NUNCIO HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE  
DIRECTLY WITH PRESIDENT, HE HAS DONE SO INDIRECTLY THROUGH  
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IS HOPEFUL GRZ MAY BE OF SOME  
HELP.

3. COMMENTS: IN VIEW OF KAUNDA'S REMARK TO SENATOR  
CLARK (LUSAKA 1620 NOTAL) OBJECTING TO REQUEST FOR ZAMBIAN  
INTERCESSION WITH GPRM ON BEHALF OTHER STATES, WE WONDER  
IF ZAMBIA WILLING BE RESPONSIVE TO VATICAN, ESPECIALLY IN  
VIEW OF MACHEL'S ALLEGEDLY STRONG PERSONAL BIAS AGAINST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH.  
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